

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

A. Claim amendments

Claims 433-470 are pending in this application. Claims 433, 338, 454, 455 and 461 were amended to correct for typographical errors or to further clarify the invention. Claim 461 amendment can be found in the specification, for instance, at page 76, line 22 to page 78, line 21. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced into the application as a result of the present amendment. Claims 433-470 remain pending in this case.

B. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph

Claims 433-470 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Specifically, the Examiner rejected claim 433, 448, and 453 for lack of antecedent basis in the claim. These claims were amended to correct for typographical errors and therefore this rejection is now moot.

C. Double patent rejection (obviousness-type)

Claims 433-442, 447, and 461-470 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 32-51 and 70 of U.S. Patent No. 6,709,825. In light of the attached terminal disclaimer, the applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome.

D. Formal drawings

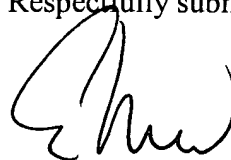
The original drawings were objected to for being non-formal drawings. A set of formal drawings (47 sheets) corresponding to Figures 1-41 is attached.

E. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and attachments, the Applicants submit that the application is in condition for an allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of this application and a favorable determination is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner believes that this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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